

ANOMALY

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ILLINOIS

Sightings of large bears and big cats, as well as man-like creatures are all recorded by Loren Coleman to pinpoint the creature's most likely hideout. He has kept files on the other animals to insure that the abominable snowmen (ABSM) are not incorrectly identified. Numerical signs (#) represent ABSM sightings; the "x" shows big cat reports; and the asterisk (*) identifies areas where bears have been spotted.



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SWAN SONG, MAYBE. Our plan to expand ANOMALY to a more elaborate magazine format has been abandoned. Despite extensive publicity very few people have been sufficiently interested to send along a stamped self-addressed envelope. Unless we receive a substantial number of 9x12 manila envelopes for #5 ANOMALY will be discontinued. (We discovered that early issues mailed in smaller envelopes as printed matter were not delivered in a number of cases.)

Current public and press interest is at an all-time low. The existing publications and organizations need your financial support now more than ever. If you wish to see research remain alive during this "lull" we urge you to renew your subscriptions to your favorites and, above all, continue the exchange of information, reports and clippings.

Ancient Monster of Loch Ness

Sixth-Century Allusion

Sir—In view of the recent discussion on B B C television regarding the Loch Ness Monster, it may be of interest that the existence of some monster was recorded as far back as the sixth century.

In his life of St. Columba, the founder of Iona, Adamnan tells us that while on his way to Brude, King of the Picts, the saint met, beside the River Ness, the funeral of a poor fellow who had died after being savaged by the monster. Thereupon he told one of his monks to swim across and fetch a boat from the other bank.

The monster, "whose appetite had not so much been sated as whetted for prey and was still lurking in the depths rushed with gaping mouth and great roaring towards the swimming man. Then Columba, who was watching, raised his hand and, drawing the sign of the cross in the empty air, commanded the savage beast to stop and not touch the man, and the beast, as if pulled back with ropes, fled, terrified, up the river to the loch." Yours faithfully,

J. C. MARSH-EDWARDS
Leasingham, Lincs.

DR. HYNEK SPEAKS

testifying before the Committee on Science and Astronautics of the United States House of Representatives last July 29, 1968.

I have been asked by some why, as consultant to the Air Force for so many years, I did not alert the scientific world to the possible seriousness of the UFO problem years ago. The answer is simple; a scientist must try to be sure of his facts; he must not cry wolf unless he is reasonably sure there is a wolf.

I was painfully aware and still am, of the amorphous nature of the UFO data, of the anecdotal nature of UFO reports, of the lack of follow-up and serious inquiry into reports (which would have required a large scientific staff and adequate funding), of the lack of hardware, of the lack of unimpeachable photographic evidence and of the almost total lack of quantitative data — of all those things which are part and parcel of the working environment of the scientists.

In the course of 20 years of study of UFO reports and of interviewing witnesses, I have been led to a conclusion quite different from the one I reached in the first years of my work. At first I was negatively impressed with the low scientific content of UFO reports, with the lack of quantitative data, with the anecdotal nature of the reports, and especially with the lack of hardware, of unimpeachable photographs, and with the lack of instrumental recordings.

I am still aware of the paucity of truly hard core data — but then, no effort has really been made to gather it.

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'Invasion' by unknown insects

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

ORENSE, Spain, Friday.

HUNDREDS of thousands of one inch-high beetle-like insects have "invaded" the village of Armental, in North-West Spain.

Two families have been evacuated from their homes, and many more are fighting to save their properties.

The beetles, which are brown in colour, have six-inch-long antennae attached to a pin-like head. They have three pairs of legs and a clearly visible central nerve string.

Health authorities and biologists, called in from Orense, the provincial capital, are mystified by the insects. They say that the species is unknown to them.

The villagers are near to panic. Chemical insecticides have had no effect on the insects, and even home made deterrents, such as boiling water, have failed.

Some villagers are claiming that they have come from outer space. Several unidentified flying objects are said to have been seen over a reservoir near the village.

The beetles are definitely not a grotesque mutation resulting from the incident in 1966, when four unarmed American hydrogen bombs fell accidentally in Palomares, southern Spain. Palomares is about 500 miles from Armental

Right insecticide

OUR SCIENCE STAFF write: Once the insects have been identified, it should prove possible to kill them with the right insecticide.

CHARLES FORT REVISITED. He was a stout six-footer who refused to keep a telephone. He began his career as a humorist and short story writer. Although he wrote many novels, only one- The Outcast Manufacturers- was ever published (1909). He and his wife Anna, to whom he was touchingly devoted, attended the movies nearly every night. These are among the many fascinating facts about the late Charles Fort uncovered by Damon Knight and recounted in his new book, Charles Fort: Prophet of the Unexplained (Doubleday, \$6.95, 224 pages), a long overdue study of the great guru's life.

Damon Knight's reputation lies in the field of sciencefiction. He has served a term as president of the Science Fiction Writers of America. Since sciencefictioneers are notoriously anti-UFO and anti-phenomena it is all the more surprising that a man of Mr. Knight's caliber should devote several years of his life to tracking down and piecing together all surviving fragments of the life of Charles Fort. Considering all of the difficulties of retracing the events surrounding a relatively obscure man who died nearly forty years ago, Knight has done a magnificent job and has made a major contribution to Forteanism and to our understanding of the peculiar anomalies which so obsessed Charles Fort. Every student of the dark and mysterious world of the unexplained (and unexplainable) should have a copy of this book in an honored place on his shelf...alongside Sanderson's Uninvited Visitors and Vallee's monumental Passport To Magonia.

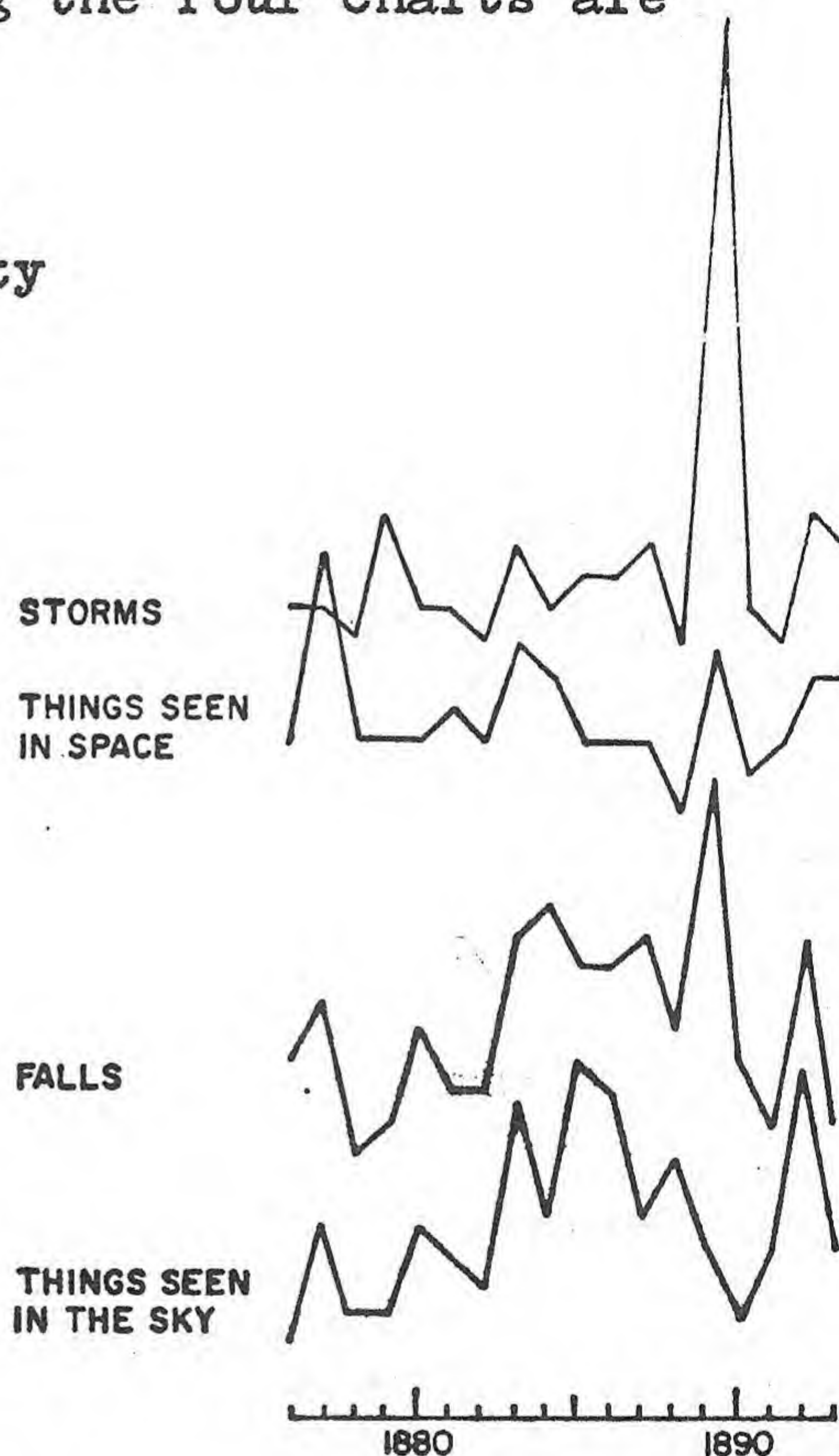
In the course of his research Mr. Knight methodically indexed all of the major anomalies described in Fort's four books...some 1200 in all. He then prepared involved charts and graphs, analysing the material by years and types of events. Finally, he turned the whole mess over to C. L. Mallows of the Bell Telephone Laboratories who fed the data into a computer. The results of that study are worth the price of the book alone!

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While Knight's sampling was small (we used much larger and more recent samplings in our own studies as expressed in Beyond Condon, Strange Creatures From Time and Space and UFOs-OPERATION TROJAN HORSE) a number of clear-cut patterns became apparent. One of the most interesting is that Fort's data indicated a cycle of 9.6 years. (We have always felt that Dr. Fontes' famed 26 months and five years cycles were erroneous...the product of a selected rather than random sampling.) Knight states, "I made a chart of all the data by years. I made charts of storms, charts of falls, of things seen in space and things seen in the sky. When I compared these charts, something interesting began to emerge. During the periods 1877-1892, the correlations among the four charts are obvious- note in particular the peaks at 1877, 1883, 1889, and 1892."

"The conclusion is inescapable," Knight continues, "that these cycles of activity which pass through our world like radio waves of enormous length, must have a common cause. The cause of the cycles, the controlling force that keeps them in synchrony, must lie outside the earth."

He further discovered that the movements and positions of the planets (particularly Mars) seemed to have some mysterious influence on anomalous events. "...This correlation establishes a strong presumption that the phenomena we are talking about are real. Even if we dismiss all these reports as hallucinations, misinterpretations, and fabrications, the correlation remains and we still have to account for it. We can do so only by assuming that the disposition of human beings to hallucinate, misinterpret, and fabricate such phenomena is itself influenced by planetary movements."



All of this quickly leads Knight to the well-known Parallel Universe theory, and, inevitably from PU (pronounced "phew!") to theology. It was amusing to learn that Fort's original title for LO! was Skyward Ho! and that his editor suggested God Is An Idiot as an alternative. Knight, himself, feels obliged to ask, "If there is a Universal Mind, must it be sane?"

Damon Knight has performed a valuable service for us in researching and writing this book. But the volume left us with a feeling of sadness. It is too short and emphasized how much we need Charles Fort today. We miss him.

**WITNESSES NAMED IN PUBLISHED
UFO REPORTS: MARCH-APRIL 1966.**

1. Sheriffs	2
Police Chiefs	3
Police officers and deputies	96
2. Editors and reporters	10
Engineers and tech- nicians	8
Doctors, lawyers, teachers, firemen and nuns	13
3. Pilots and airport personnel	8
4. Adult citizens	315
5. Under 18-years	101
Total	556
Total number of reports used in this study -	304

JOHN A. KEEL

Two New Books . . .

The original manuscript of John Keel's UFO study was so large that it has been divided into two 90,000-word books. These, when combined, form a fascinating library of information fully outlining the events and investigations which led to his extraordinary conclusions.

STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE

is a casebook recounting hundreds of bizarre incidents involving unknown animals and humanoids, demonstrating the surprising correlations hidden in the testimonial evidence. The seeming hostility of the central phenomenon is defined and graphically explained.

Paperback: **Gold Medal Books, Fawcett World Library**, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830, U.S.A. 75c. per copy.

UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE

is a hardcover containing hundreds of carefully documented cases, and revealing for the first time the author's personal contact experiences in 1967 which turned him from a "believer" into a sceptic. Advance reviewers have declared: "It is certain to become the greatest classic on the subject. . . . It will undoubtedly alter the course of all future UFO research." **G. P. Putnam's Sons**, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, U.S.A. \$6.95 per copy.

Both books are indexed and offer extensive bibliographies. Order from your bookseller. If ordering by mail, add sufficient for postage.

MORE LIGHTNING BOLTS. We continue to receive reports of strange coincidences involving our funny lightning bolts (we'll be doing a magazine piece on these in the near future). The latest comes from researcher Brent Raynes, Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Maine 04347. Mr. Raynes publishes an interesting journal SAUCERITIS.

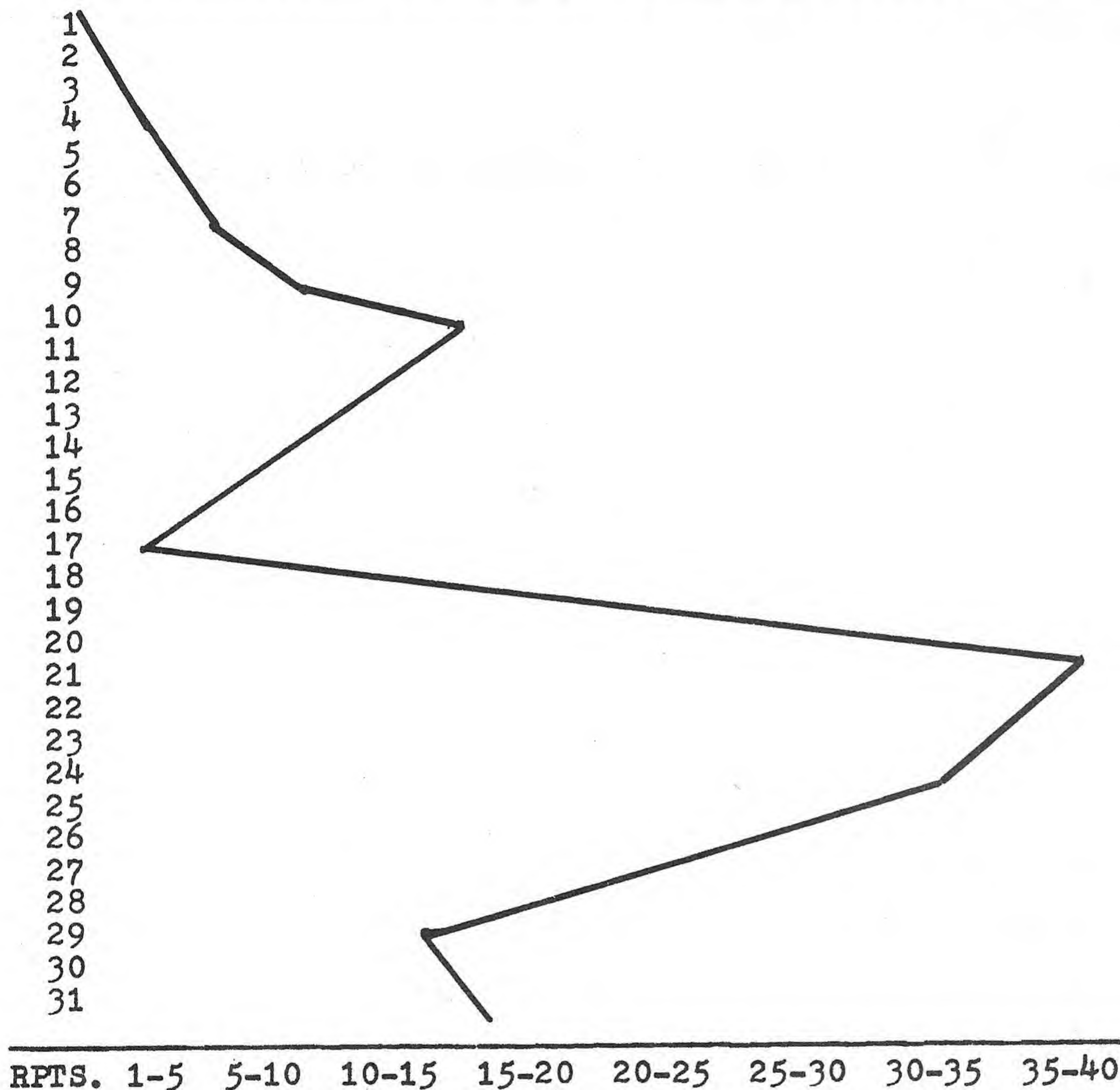
On the afternoon of Wednesday, June 3, 1970, Mr. Earl Whitney was found dead on the grounds of the Augusta, Maine Country Club, apparently the victim of a stray lightning bolt during a thunderstorm that day. According to the Daily Kennebec Journal (Augusta, Maine), June 4, 1970, Dr. Henry Brann, Kennebec County Medical Examiner, "said Whitney suffered a cardiac arrest at the time he was hit by lightning". His body was found near a clump of trees off the ninth green around 3p.m.

Mr. Whitney was 52, a WW II veteran and a deputy sheriff. He had reported seeing UFOs on a number of occasions in the past.

AND IN CALIFORNIA (San Francisco) 14-year old Florencia Gomez died of old age in June. Coroner Dr. Henry W. Turkel said the child's arteries, almost totally closed by thick deposits, resembled those of a woman 70 to 80 years old.

GROUPINGS OF TYPE I SIGHTINGS AROUND SPECIFIC DAYS
OF THE MONTH, 1966. TOTAL SAMPLING: 730.

DATE: NUMBER OF REPORTED SIGHTINGS.



We have noted that later flaps, and historical ones as well, tend to occur within these same patterns, with the major groupings around the 10th of the month, and the 21st to 24th days. This time cycle appears to be relatively stable in most years but it is not inflexible.

Monster events, sightings of hairy creatures, phantom cats, etc. tend to follow this same cycle (our studies of these are incomplete), as do poltergeist manifestations and the appearances of "ghosts".

Since all these studies are based upon a mere residue of the published and known sightings we have reliably determined (through studies of the Air Force statistics and our own datum) that the most accurate total for the probable number of events in the same areas and at the same times can be obtained by squaring the number of known reports. Thus, our sample of 730 reports represents a probable total of 530,000.